

Investigation of the North Carolina State's Prison.

JANUARY 23, 1899.

CAPT. W. H. DAY, being sworn, says:

The lease from the Navassa Guano Company for 358 acres of rice land expires on the 31st day of December, 1899; rental per year, \$300. There is no option on the land.

Six hundred acres of land rented from Bntters, lease expires 31st day of December, 1900, rental \$850 per year; purchase option \$8,500.

The Anson County farm, eight pieces, aggregating 2,110 acres, rental value \$2,587.72 per year. The option price ranged from \$8 to \$11, an average of \$10, making about \$21,000.

The Castle Hayne property lease expires 1908; 800 acres, \$350; but that is coupled with a contract to dig the phosphate there. They owe \$1,660 odd to the Penitentiary for labor furnished for mining the phosphates. Now, they claim a set-off that reduces this debt to about sixty odd, alleging that the State used some machinery that belonged to the old Phosphate Company.

In the Tillery farm, there are about 1,800 acres, and the lease expires in 1902; that is a part of the Caledonia. They farm on shares with them. Tillery furnishes everything except the labor. I think that is about the best trade the Penitentiary has made.

Of the Caledonia lands there are about 7,290 acres; the rental value of it being \$3,350. The option on the entire tract I have calculated is \$62,165. The option on 1,200 acres of it expires in 1901; option on 2,890 expires 1906; option on 1,600 acres expires in 1902; option on 1,600 more expires in 1902. I have received letters from Pope and wife, and from Henry J. Futrel, saying that they will not extend the option, and that they do not want to sell. Still, we can force a sale provided it is done before January, 1901.

Of the Halifax farm there are 2,136 acres belonging to three parties: 1,330 to General Ransom, \$800 rental; 300 acres belonging to Mrs. Pattie Gee, rental \$500; 506 acres belonging to Mrs. Bettie A. Badger, \$360 rental; total rent for the three places \$1,660. The lease and options expire in 1900. Neither Mr. Day nor the sub-committee sent down to investigate look upon this as being desirable option.

The Northhampton farm: 1,200 acres, belonging to the heirs of Col. John Long, expires in 1900; 1,532 acres, belonging to C. W.